

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Richmond, Oct. 29, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 141. }

I. The practice of relieving officers from commands to which they have been appointed and assigned, and ordering them to report in person to this office for further assignment, will cease, unless specially required by orders from this office.

II. Soldiers returning home on furlough, or on reaching places at which they will stay during furlough, will immediately report to the nearest enrolling officer, who will keep a register of their names, descriptive list, place where stationed, by whom the furlough was granted, and the time at which it expires.

III. When, at the expiration of his furlough, and being at a distance from an hospital examining board, a soldier is unable to travel, the enrolling officer will order him before the board of examiners for conscripts; and the medical officer and one of the physicians "employed" concurring, they will forward to his Commanding General, with a statement of his case, a recommendation for an extension of furlough, not to exceed thirty days, duplicates being also sent to the Surgeon General. But when the soldier is accessible to a general hospital, he will be sent before the hospital examining board, who will conform to the preceding instructions.

IV. In cases of sickness or wounds, which, from any cause are neglected, or do not receive proper treatment, the disability in consequence being prolonged, the soldier will be sent, by the enrolling officer, to the nearest camp of instruction for treatment in hospital.

V. Recommendations for extension of leave to officers and furloughs to soldiers, and medical certificates to officers and certificates of disability for discharge to soldiers, will only be given by authorized boards of examiners; or, in cases embraced in paragraph III of this order, by the board of examiners for conscripts. Recommendations or certificates from private physicians, or from a medical officer singly, will not be received. Paragraphs 171 and 173, General Regulations, and paragraph I, General Orders, No. 51, current series, from this office, are amended to accord with this paragraph.

VI. Furloughed soldiers will not be permitted to go within the lines of the enemy.

VII. In the medical examination of substitutes, the instructions and requirements of paragraph 1192, General Regulations (paragraph 48, Medical Regulations), will be fully adhered to; and if a substitute fails to meet the conditions of that paragraph, he will be rejected.

By order.

S. COOPER.

Adjutant and Inspector General.